

# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

## FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2023 -- H 5962 SUBSTITUTE A/2 AS AMENDED

AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS  
AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING

Mr. President:

1 I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 5962 SUBSTITUTE A AS AMENDED, entitled "AN  
2 ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS  
3 AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING", as follows:

4 1. On page 1, line 1, by inserting after the language "17-25-20" and before the language  
5 "and" the language, "17-25-21".

6 2. On page 4, line 26, by deleting the language "arm's" and by inserting in place thereof  
7 the language "arms".

8 3. On page 16, between lines 32 and 33 by inserting the language:

9 "17-25-21. Primary elections.

10 Any candidate eligible to receive public funds and electing to receive these funds who is  
11 challenged for nomination for general office in a political party primary shall be permitted to  
12 raise and expend an additional amount of ~~private~~ funds equal to one-third (1/3) of the maximum  
13 allowable expenditure amount for the office or equal to the total amount spent by the candidates'  
14 opponent or opponents in the primary, whichever amount is less. The additional amount received  
15 in contributions must be expended prior to the primary election. ~~The additional private~~  
16 ~~contributions shall not be eligible for matching public funds.~~ Any candidate eligible to receive  
17 public funds and electing to receive these funds may use public funds made available pursuant to  
18 this chapter for any allowable expense, as defined in § 17-25-20, to seek party nomination for  
19 general office."

20 4. On page 16, line 34, by striking the language, "No public funds shall be dispersed to  
21 candidates until after the date of the primary".

- 1           5. On page 17, line 1, by striking the language "election."
- 2           6. On page 17, lines 9 through 12, by deleting all the language thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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SENATOR PAOLINO

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